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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This paper is being filed to advise the U.S. Patent Office of information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this patent application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

This application is derived from International Application No. PCT/FR2004/001147, and was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371. The following documents are noted for being cited in the Search Report issued during the international stage of the PCT Application:

#### U.S. Patents

6,155,827 (Euvrard) - Issued: December 5, 2000

5,730,595 (Bailey) - Issued: March 24, 1998

5,120,220 (Butler) - Issued: June 9, 1992

4,268,252 (Lustig) - Issued: May 19, 1981

#### Foreign Document

WO/94 15541 (IMTEC Innovative Med. Tech.) -

- Published: July 21, 1994

Copies of the above-listed documents should already have been received by the U.S. Patent Office, and a PTO-1449 form has been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement to facilitate the Examiner's acknowledgement of these documents.

The U.S. Patent Office is further advised of an earlier search which was performed relative to French Patent Application No. 03/09593, the priority of which is claimed in connection with the present application. A copy of the issued Search Report, No. FA 638774, is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement. The documents cited in the French Search Report duplicate the documents cited in the PCT Search Report.

The U.S. Patent Office is further advised that the present application was co-filed with an application derived from an International Application, No. PCT/FR2004/001670, filed June 30, 2004. The U.S. application derived from International Application No. PCT/FR2004/001670 has since been assigned the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/567,166. The following documents

are noted for being cited in the Search Report issued for International Application No. PCT/FR2004/001670:

U.S. Patents

6,171,108 (Roane) - Issued: January 9, 2001  
5,941,705 (De Jackmo et al.) - Issued: August 24, 1999  
5,584,689 (Loge) - Issued: December 17, 1996  
4,781,589 (Bareth) - Issued: November 1, 1988  
2,194,187 (Skinner) - Issued: March 19, 1940

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FR 2 522 493 (Kaltenbach & Voigt GmbH & Co.) -  
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An earlier search was performed relative to French Patent Application No. 03/09594, the priority of which was claimed in connection with International Application No. PCT/FR2004/001670. A copy of the issued Search Report, No. FA 637087, is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement, and the following documents are noted for being cited in the issued French Search Report:

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5,941,705 (De Jackmo et al.) - Issued: August 24, 1999  
4,278,428 (Straihammer et al.) - Issued: July 14, 1981  
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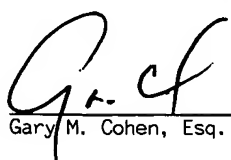
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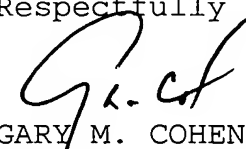
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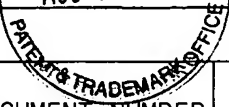
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